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Overview

The Bar None residential treatment facility is located within the boundaries of Independent School District No. 15, St. Francis, and serves male students ages 12 to 18. In 1992, the legislature granted special authority for the St. Francis school district to issue \$4 million in bonds to build the Crossroads school to provide educational services to children who were placed at either of the two residential treatment facilities located within the boundaries of the school district; Bar None and the Sheriff's Ranch (the Sheriff's Ranch facility closed in 2009). Because most of the children who were placed at these facilities were resident to other school districts, the 1992 law authorized the St. Francis school district to include in the amounts of tuition that were billed back to the resident school districts the cost of the Crossroads school and certain general education costs.

A 2012 legislative change inadvertently removed the commissioner's authority to approve adding certain general education costs to the tuition bill for nonresident students attending the Crossroads school because the Crossroads school is not located on-site (Crossroads school is located about 2 miles from Bar None). This bill restores the authority for the commissioner to approve adding certain general education costs to the tuition amounts billed back to the resident school districts.

Section

- 1 Nonresident tuition rates; other costs.** Restores the statutory authority for the commissioner of education to approve adding certain general education costs to the nonresident tuition bill amounts sent to the resident districts.